

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

**Minutes of the Twentieth Meeting of the
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
Board of Scientific Counselors**

October 26, 2001

The meeting of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors was convened at 7:45 AM in Conference Room 6C7, at the National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Laurence Trussell presided as Acting-Chairperson.

Members Present:

Dr. Laurence O. Trussell, Acting Chairperson

Dr. Lynn T. Landmesser
Dr. Margaret I. Lomax
Dr. Alfred L. Nuttall

Dr. Randall Reed
Dr. Dwayne Simmons

Ad Hoc Reviewers:

Dr. Paul A. Fuchs
Dr. John C. Gore

Dr. Diego Restrepo

NIDCD Staff:

Dr. James F. Battey, Jr., Director, NIDCD
Dr. Donald H. Luecke, Deputy Director, NIDCD
Dr. Robert J. Wenthold, Director, Division of Intramural Research (DIR), NIDCD
Dr. David Robinson, Deputy Director, DIR, NIDCD
Mrs. Leigh Walter, Program Assistant, DIR, NIDCD

Other NIH Staff:

Dr. Arlyn Garcia-Perez, Office of the Deputy Director for Intramural Research, NIH

Administrative Business

Dr. Trussell called the meeting to order at 7:45 AM.

The Minutes of the March 30, 2001, meeting of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors were approved as submitted.

Dr. Robinson discussed the rules of conduct for intermittent government employees and consultants and the need for confidentiality. He reminded the Board that a portion of the meeting is open to members of the public and press and that only board members and NIH staff would be present during the Board's deliberation in closed session.

NIDCD Director's Report

Dr. Battey reported that NIDCD continues to function under a Continuing Resolution.

Due to recent terrorist attacks there will be an increase in bioterrorism research at the National Institutes of Health. Proposed measures to increase security on the NIH campus currently include visitor check-in and checkpoints for all trucks entering the NIH Campus. A perimeter fence may be built in the future.

The Neuroscience Center will be completed by 2008, which will allow for further expansion. Dr. Battey also gave an update on the NIH Mouse Genome Sequencing database.

NIDCD Scientific Director's Report

Dr. Wenthold began by introducing Dr. Trussell as the new Chairperson and Dr. Restrepo as the new regular member. He also introduced Leigh Walter, his new Program Assistant.

Dr. Wenthold announced that Dr. John Northup was approved for tenure at NIH this year. Dr. Northup is now one of the seven tenured scientists in NIDCD. The next Board of Counselors meeting will be held March 21-22, 2002. Tenure-track Scientists, Dr. Allen Braun, Language Section, Voice, Speech, and Language Branch, and Dr. Carter Van Waes, Tumor Biology Section, Head and Neck Surgery Branch, will have their final tenure reviews. Dr. Allen Spiegel, Director of NIDDK, and Dr. Paul Sieving, Director of NEI, are now part of DIR, NIDCD.

Expansion space for NIDCD is desperately needed and will become available from construction of a building near our current facility in Rockville, Maryland. The NEI and NIDCD plan to move into the building upon completion in 2003. Some additional NIDCD expansion will occur on the NIH campus with completion of the Neuroscience Center, in about 2008.

Dr. Wenthold next discussed the University of Maryland collaboration with NIDCD under the NIH Office of Graduate Partnership Programs. The NIDCD now has seven adjunct faculty appointments at the University of Maryland. Under the collaborative program, University of Maryland graduate students are jointly mentored by staff from both institutions. Drs. Allen Braun and Barry Horwitz of the Language Section, NIDCD, currently mentor University of Maryland graduate students.

Last, Dr. Wenthold asked if it would be more convenient for the Board of Scientific Counselors members to participate in a late September meeting, because Continuing Resolutions routinely postpone the delivery of airline tickets to members. Board of Scientific Counselor members agreed that a meeting after September 25th would be appropriate.

CLOSED SESSION

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in Sections 552b(c) (6), Title 5, U.S. Code and Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 2:00 PM on October 26, 2001.

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors meeting are accurate and correct.

Date

Robert J. Wenthold, Ph.D.
Director
Division of Intramural Research
NIDCD

Date

Laurence O. Trussell, Ph.D.
Acting-Chairperson
Board of Scientific Counselors
NIDCD

These Minutes will be formally considered by the Board of Scientific Counselors at its next meeting; corrections and notations will be incorporated into the minutes of that meeting.